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HOUSE ENROLLED ACT No. 1164

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 6-1.1-12.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2009]:

Chapter 12.6. Deduction for Model Residence

Sec. 0.5. As used in this chapter, "affiliated group" means any combination of the following:

(1) An affiliated group within the meaning provided in Section 1504 of the Internal Revenue Code (except that the ownership percentage in Section 1504(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code shall be determined using fifty percent (50%) instead of eighty percent (80%)) or a relationship described in Section 267(b)(11) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(2) Two (2) or more partnerships (as defined in IC 6-3-1-19), including limited liability companies and limited liability partnerships, that have the same degree of mutual ownership as an affiliated group described in subdivision (1), as determined under the rules adopted by the department.

Sec. 1. (a) As used in this chapter, "model residence" means real property that consists of a single family residence, single family townhouse, or single family condominium unit that:

- (1) has never been occupied as a principal residence; and
- (2) is used for display or demonstration to prospective buyers



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or lessees for purposes of potential acquisition or lease of a similar type of residence, townhouse, or condominium unit on:

- (A) the same property; or
- (B) other property.

(b) The term does not include any of the land on which the residence, townhouse, or condominium unit is located.

(c) Real property described in subsection (a) that is used by the owner as the owner's regular office space may not be considered a model residence for purposes of this chapter. However, this subsection does not prohibit the use of a garage or other space in the real property:

- (1) to store or display material used to promote the real property or other similar properties; or
- (2) as a space for meetings with prospective buyers or lessees.

Sec. 2. (a) This section applies only to a model residence that is first assessed as:

- (1) a partially completed structure; or
- (2) a fully completed structure;

for the assessment date in 2009 or a later year.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c) and sections 4, 5, and 6 of this chapter, and subject to sections 7 and 8 of this chapter, an owner of a model residence is entitled to a deduction from the assessed value of the model residence in the amount of fifty percent (50%) of the assessed value of the model residence for the following:

- (1) Not more than one (1) assessment date for which the model residence is assessed as a partially completed structure.
- (2) The assessment date for which the model residence is first assessed as a fully completed structure.
- (3) The two (2) assessment dates that immediately succeed the assessment date referred to in subdivision (2).

(c) A deduction allowed for a model residence under this chapter for a particular assessment date is terminated if the model residence is sold:

- (1) after the assessment date of that year but before January 1 of the following year; and
- (2) to a person who does not continue to use the real property as a model residence.

The county auditor shall immediately mail notice of the termination to the former owner, the property owner, and the township assessor. The county auditor shall remove the deduction

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from the tax duplicate and shall notify the county treasurer of the termination of the deduction.

Sec. 3. (a) A property owner that qualifies for the deduction under this chapter must file a statement containing the information required by subsection (b) with the county auditor to claim the deduction for each assessment date for which the property owner wishes to receive the deduction in the manner prescribed in rules adopted under section 9 of this chapter. The township assessor shall verify each statement filed under this section, and the county auditor shall:

- (1) make the deductions; and
- (2) notify the county property tax assessment board of appeals of all deductions approved;

under this section.

(b) The statement referred to in subsection (a) must be verified under penalties for perjury and must contain the following information:

- (1) The assessed value of the real property for which the person is claiming the deduction.
- (2) The full name and complete business address of the person claiming the deduction.
- (3) The complete address and a brief description of the real property for which the person is claiming the deduction.
- (4) The name of any other county in which the person has applied for a deduction under this chapter for that assessment date.
- (5) The complete address and a brief description of any other real property for which the person has applied for a deduction under this chapter for that assessment date.

Sec. 4. (a) Subject to section 8 of this chapter, a property owner is entitled to a deduction under this chapter for an assessment date for not more than three (3) model residences in Indiana.

(b) The auditor of a county (referred to in this section as the "first county") with whom a statement is filed under section 3 of this chapter shall immediately prepare and transmit a copy of the statement to the auditor of any other county (referred to in this section as the "second county") if the property owner that claims the deduction owns or is buying a model residence located in the second county.

(c) The county auditor of the second county shall note on the copy of the statement whether the property owner has claimed a deduction for the current year under section 3 of this chapter for

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a model residence located in the second county. The county auditor shall then return the copy of the statement to the auditor of the first county.

Sec. 5. A property owner may not receive a deduction under this chapter with respect to a model residence located in an allocation area (as defined in IC 6-1.1-21.2-3).

Sec. 6. A property owner that qualifies for a deduction for a year under this chapter and another statute with respect to the same model residence may not receive a deduction under both statutes for the model residence for that year.

Sec. 7. (a) If ownership of the model residence changes:

- (1) a new owner that continues to use the property as a model residence may claim the deduction under this chapter; and
- (2) the deduction may not be applied for an assessment date other than the assessment dates to which the deduction could have applied under section 2 of this chapter if ownership had not changed.

(b) A person who owns a model residence and claims a deduction under this chapter shall provide to the county auditor a notice that:

- (1) informs the auditor of a transfer of the ownership of the model residence; and
- (2) indicates whether the new owner is eligible to receive a deduction under this chapter.

The notice required by this subsection must be submitted to the county auditor at the same time that a sales disclosure form is filed under IC 6-1.1-5.5.

Sec. 8. The aggregate number of deductions claimed under this chapter for a particular assessment date by the owners of model residences who are a part of an affiliated group may not exceed three (3).

Sec. 9. The department of local government finance shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this chapter.

SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2009] (a) The department of local government finance may adopt temporary rules in the manner provided for the adoption of emergency rules under IC 4-22-2-37.1 to implement IC 6-1.1-12.6, as added by this act. A temporary rule adopted under this SECTION expires on the earliest of the following:

- (1) The date that the department of local government finance adopts another temporary rule under this SECTION that repeals, amends, or supersedes the previously adopted

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temporary rule.

(2) The date that the department of local government finance adopts a permanent rule under IC 4-22-2 that repeals, amends, or supersedes the previously adopted temporary rule.

(3) The date specified in the temporary rule.

(4) July 1, 2011.

(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2011.

SECTION 3. [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2009] IC 6-1.1-12.6, as added by this act, applies only to property taxes first due and payable after 2009.

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